



**Rotary meets
weekly at
Tosaria's Café
60 Henderson Rd
Rowville**

Tuesday 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start

Meetings are hybrid unless indicated otherwise

[Zoom meeting link](#)

Visitors are warmly welcome

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**Satellite Club meets
at Tosaria's Café**

Alternate Thursdays at 7:30am

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President Kevin Harrison
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**Home Club of
DGND Murray Wilson
PDG Daryl Moran**



THIS WEEK'S MEETING-Together we can end polio

In a very informative presentation, Murray outlined for us what poliomyelitis is, the role of Rotary in the Global Polio Elimination Initiative (GPEI), a brief history of this project, some Australian people who have been significant in the journey towards eliminating polio and some of the current challenges in achieving the goal of polio elimination.

Polio is an ancient disease; early Egyptian pottery vessels have been found that show a priest with a walking stick and a withered leg. Polio is a virus that enters the body through the mouth and attacks the central nervous system. Whichever part of the CNS is attacked determines where the disability occurs. The most common form is when the lower limbs are affected (acute flaccid paralysis). Sadly, polio generally attacks children under five and it can cause death. In addition to causing muscle weakness making mobility difficult, it can attack the muscles responsible for lung function, so some sufferers only survived by living in an 'iron lung', to ensure they could breathe. Murray shared information about one woman who lived for more than 60 years in an iron lung at Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital.

In the 1950s in Australia, polio was a feared disease and people went to great lengths to try to ensure their children did not catch it.

Progress towards understanding polio took a leap forward in the 1930s with the work of Australian Sir Frank MacFarlane Burnet who determined that polio was more than one virus; there were in fact three viruses, Type 1, Type 2 and Type 3. He also discovered that the polio virus is absorbed through the gut. A further Australian of note in the history of treatment for polio was Sister Elisabeth Kenny who devised a radically new and controversial method of treating children with massage and exercise. Her methods were not well received so she moved to the US where it was more accepted. The biggest breakthrough in the treatment of polio was in the 1950s with the introduction of a vaccine, created in 1955 by Jonas Salk. In 1966 the Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) was introduced in Australia.

Polio eradication has been Rotary International's number one global project for over 40 years. The role of Rotary includes fundraising, raising awareness and advocacy, such as liaising with Government. This project had its origins when Australian Sir Clem Renouf was Rotary International President in 1978-1979. Sir Clem was inspired by the elimination of smallpox through vaccination to investigate if there was another world-wide disease that could be eliminated with the help of Rotary. His focus turned to polio, but approaches to health agencies in the US were rebuffed, so Rotary commenced a pilot project in the Philippines, which was incredibly successful. From this grew a partnership, with Rotary as a founding partner, with WHO, UNICEF, the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, the Gates Foundation and Gavi, the vaccine alliance.



**DR MURRAY VERSO –
End Polio Now
Coordinator Zone 8**

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MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

29 May Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
04 June Soup	Kate, Glennys, Kylie & Brenton
12 June Muffins	Kaye, Jenny, Mary (for Corinne), Heather & Bob
26 June Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
MAY - Youth Service				
JUNE - Rotary Fellowships				
3rd June	Carol	Andy R	Kevin Daryl	Techno Blitz—making the most of our technology and social media
10th June	Stephen	Max	Daryl Alan	Earlyact Leaders Visit
17th June	John W	Bob	Alan Bob	President Elect Club Forum
24th June	CLUB CHANGEOVER NIGHT Waverley Churchill Golf and Bowls Club, Rowville			

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUN 1st JUNE - MAKERS and BAKERS MARKET - Rowville Community Centre, Rowville

SAT 14th JUNE - COFFEE CATCH UP at 9:30am - Tosaria Restaurant, Rowville

TUES 24th JUNE - CHANGEOVER NIGHT— Waverley Churchill Golf and Bowls Club, Rowville

SAT 12th JULY - DISTRICT 9815 CHANGEOVER NIGHT— Pakenham Racing Club, Pakenham



NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 20th JUNE



Member news snippets...

May Birthdays

18th—Gary



Corinne and Les are preparing to jet off again to the Gold Coast for a couple of weeks. Hopefully, the sun will be shining!



Best wishes to Robyn W for a speedy recovery!

INAUGURAL MARKET— Spread the word



Inaugural Makers and Bakers Market at the Rowville Community Centre, Fulham Road Rowville.

NEXT
SUNDAY 1ST
JUNE
9am—2pm

**TELL FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES AND HELP
TO MAKE IT GREAT!!!**

NEXT COFFEE CATCH UP - Saturday 14th June, 9:30am



A chance for those who cannot make it to an evening meeting to build their connections within the Club.

All welcome—come for 10 minutes or come

SEE YOU THERE!!

**At Tosaria's
Restaurant**

KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS 2025-Nominations Close 30th June

<https://www.facebook.com/Knoxbusinessawards>

<https://knoxbusinessaards.com.au/referral/>

END POLIO NOW (Continued from page 1)....

Since its inception, over 3 billion children have been immunized and 21 million children saved from paralysis. Now polio is only endemic in two countries in the world, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

A current challenge is that there is a type of variant polio emerging largely in Africa, circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV), that is due to the oral vaccine residual getting into water supplies.

The goals of GPEI are currently:

Goal one - to permanently interrupt the transmission of the polio virus in Afghanistan and Pakistan, by 2025.

Goal two – to stop transmission of cVDPV by 2026

The challenges faced in vaccination programs in the two remaining countries are:

- Nomadic populations, making it hard to ensure good coverage of communities
- Enormous distrust of vaccines
- Poor infrastructure and health systems
- Militants attacking and even killing vaccinators
- Political instability
- US withdrawal from aid programs
- Communities refusing to vaccinate their children unless demands are met for infrastructure improvements
- Taliban stopping women going door-to-door to vaccinate, although the Taliban has generally been cooperative in ensuring vaccination can go ahead

To achieve the goals above will require \$US6.9 billion.

Rotary has a goal to raise \$US50 million per annum and this will be matched by the Gates Foundation 2:1, up to \$US100 million from this Foundation.

Rotary clubs are encouraged to support the End Polio Now program and club members can become individual donors by joining the Polio Plus Society using this link:

<https://rotary9815.org.au/stories/polio-plus-society>

We thank Murray for his very informative presentation.

HOW HAS THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROWVILLE-LYSTERFIELD HELPED?

\$US1,000 Club donation

matched by \$US1,000 District 9815 contribution plus

\$US 500 from Knox Art Show

TOTAL = \$US2,500

matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

\$US5,000

TOTAL IMPACT = \$US7,500

Thank you..... 2 emails from organisations we have supported

"Dear Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield,

Thank you for your recent generous donation of \$500.00 to Interplast Australia & New Zealand. Since leading the formation of Interplast in 1983, Rotary Clubs, Districts, Rotarians, and friends of Rotary have continued to be amongst our greatest supporters. Your contribution to Interplast's work is helping to ensure that patients within the South-East Asia and Pacific regions have timely access to high-quality surgical and related medical care when it is needed most. Your support not only changes the lives of the individual patients we treat, but those of their families as well. By providing life-changing surgery, you're helping to give children a second chance at life, allowing them to go to school and look forward to all that life has to offer them. Adults are able to return to work, live with dignity, support their family and contribute to their community. Just as importantly, the training and mentoring that Interplast provides for local clinicians means that patients of the future will have access to timely medical care, and won't have to wait for an Interplast team to visit.....With every gift you are not just changing lives, you are changing futures."



With heartfelt thanks,

Tom Roth

Chief Executive Officer

And from Family Care Uganda

"Dear Alan and Marg,

What a wonderful thing, that just now a few days before the children return to start Term 2, we will very shortly have the full solar, and the computer -RACHEL set up and ready for them!

Amazing how quickly the funds came in—Babra will check our account in the morning, so I'm pretty sure the grinding funds will probably be there also. If so, we've already made arrangements with the company so we'll transport it out tomorrow.

It's all flowing together at once! We are so extremely grateful! What a dream come true! WE are incredibly grateful for all your hard work, PATIENCE and care, to help ensure that despite the obstacles placed in the way by our local fake Rotarians, the projects have become reality!.....



To end up, Opiyo just came back this evening from a meeting of all the Head Teachers of our District, for a Term 1 summary and guidance for Term 2. It was pretty encouraging reading what he wrote from the meeting notes so I'll just include a few here:

Inspection report

The inspector said last term they inspected 51 schools in the district and we scored very well in the following areas

1. Learning environment, our school was identified as the safest school for learning in the district as many schools didn't have the following safety equipment

- * Lightning arrestor
- * Hand washing facilities
- * Enough latrines and bathing shelter
- * Adequate desks

Leadership and governance:

- * We took position one in planning, evaluation, monitoring progress of both teachers and learners

Academic report

* We were applauded for upholding the standard of academics and constantly performing well (we were again top in the District out of 64 schools) and the top girl in the whole district was one of our dear refugee girls!

Some happy news amidst the less-than-uplifting news we seem to hear many days.

Thank you so very much for your generosity, your patience and your care!"

Sincerely,

Rob

Robin Yamaguchi

Director

Family Care Uganda

Family Care School

CLUB CHANGEOVER



BOOK NOW!!!

Come and celebrate all our wonderful achievements for 2024/2025 in President Jenny's year and meet all the new Board Members who will be supporting President Elect Bob in his Rotary year.

Dress up for a very enjoyable evening.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1393665>

SATELLITE CLUB - KNOX BUSINESS NETWORK



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Meeting timetable for the rest of the year:

May	1, 15, 29
June	12, 26
July	10, 24
August	7, 21
September	4, 18
October	2, 16, 30
November	13, 27
December	11

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Let's support our members.....

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2024-2025 BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President Jenny Moran

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Immediate Past President Carol Constantine

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	Ian Vesey		Alan Lunghusen
	Ayanthi Gunatilake		Gary Forrest
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			Kaye Sharman
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